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In re the Application of

Claude MABILAT et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE DETECTION AND/OR IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL ANIMAL SPECIES IN ANIMAL MATTER CONTAINED IN A SAMPLE

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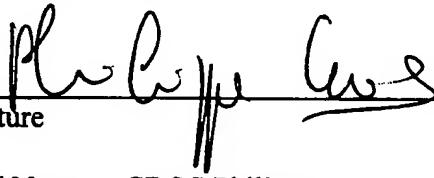
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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

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(11) METHOD FOR THE DETECTION AND/OR IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL ANIMAL SPECIES IN ANIMAL MATTER CONTAINED IN A SAMPLE

(Attorney Docket No. 120162)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

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